

REMARKSClaim Status

Claims 1-5, 7-11, and 20-30 are pending in the application. This paper amends claims 1, 7-10, and 20; and adds new claims 21-30. Claims 1, 20, and 21 are the independent claims of the application.

Drawings

The Examiner objected to the previously filed drawings. Accordingly, a new set of corrected drawings is being filed for this application. Applicant respectfully submits that the corrected drawings obviate the drawing objections.

Art Rejections

Claims 1-5, 7-11, and 20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Schileru-Key, U.S. Patent Number 6,580,441 ("Schileru-Key" in this paper) in view of Spangard, Mona Lisa Only a Click Away with Virtual Art Galleries, Greensboro News Record (Sep. 21, 1998) ("Mona Lisa"). Independent claim 1, as amended, recites *means for receiving from the viewer one or more selections of objects in the at least one room during displaying of any view of the plurality of views of the at least one room to the viewer, and means for displaying to the viewer, in response*

to receipt from the viewer of a selection of the first object in any view of the plurality of views, the first object in a plurality of different still photographs The references of record, separately or in combination, apparently do not disclose or suggest these limitations. In particular, the references apparently do not disclose receiving one or more selections of an object during a presentation (e.g., a virtual reality presentation), and then presenting the selected object in a plurality of still photographs, as claimed. Applicant respectfully submits that independent claim 1 is patentable at least for this reason.

Claim 10 depends from claim 1, and recites the following additional limitations: *wherein the views of the plurality of views further have a second object, each object of the first and second objects in the data packet is assigned a unique identification indexed by an area said each object occupies in the views.* In accordance with claim 10, therefore, multiple objects are found in the presentation, each of which is assigned a unique identification indexed by the area of the object in the views. The references of record, separately or in combination, apparently do not disclose or suggest these limitations. Applicant respectfully submits that claim 10 is separately patentable at least for this reason.

Independent claim 20 recites (paraphrasing) means for displaying a room with an object, wherein the object is cut out from each frame, given a unique identification, and assigned a link to a data storage device that stores data associated with the object and wherein the on-line display of the at least one object includes audio stories, an enlarged still image, textual descriptions, buy and bid frames, and videos. The references of record, separately or in combination, apparently do not disclose or suggest these limitations. In particular, the references do not disclose giving a unique

identification to an object appearing in a plurality of frames, and linking the object to data associated with the object and buy and bid frames. Applicant respectfully submits that independent claim 20 is patentable at least for this reason.

Dependent claims 2-5, 7-9, and 11 should be patentable at least for the same reasons as their respective base claims and intervening claims, if any.

New Claims

Applicant respectfully submits that new independent claim 21 is patentable because the references do not disclose or suggest (paraphrasing) the steps of (1) causing the client device to present to the viewer virtual reality information with a plurality of views showing an object, (2) receiving at a server device selections of the object made by the viewer, and (3) downloading to the client device descriptive information describing the selected object.

New dependent claims 22-30 should be patentable together with their base claim 21, and also because the references do not disclose or suggest the specific limitations recited in each of these dependent claims.

CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, Applicant respectfully submits that all pending claims are patentable. To discuss any matter pertaining to the present application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (858) 720-9431.

Having made an effort to bring the application in condition for allowance, a timely notice to this effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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